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Christopher Peterson

Prior to joining the faculty in 2008, Professor Peterson taught for five years at the University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law. He also served as judicial clerk for the Honorable Wade Brorby on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and then as a consumer rights attorney for the United States Public Interest Research Group in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, he lobbied Congress and federal regulatory agencies on consumer lending policy. A recognized authority on consumer finance, Professor Peterson has appeared before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Reserve Board governors, and at the White House. He has lectured widely on credit policy, including recent presentations at Harvard Law School, New York University, and international presentations in Berlin, Lima, London, Warsaw, and Zurich. Professor Peterson is widely published, including a piece discussing subprime home mortgage lending which was recently named the outstanding consumer finance law review article of the year by the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. In 2007, the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators named Professor Peterson the nation's outstanding consumer advocate in recognition of his role in promoting an act of Congress limiting the price of loans made to military service members.



Professor Peterson teaches contracts, commercial law, and consumer protection.

Scholarship Highlights

Books

TAMING THE SHARKS: TOWARDS A CURE FOR THE HIGH COST CREDIT MARKET (University of Akron Press, 2004)

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Consumer Finance Law Review Article of the Year, American College of Consumer Financial Services Attorneys, 2007

National Consumer Advocate of the Year, National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators, 2007

Outstanding Consumer Finance Book of the Year, American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers, 2004

Winner of the Joseph Bernfeld Bankruptcy Law Writing Competition, 2002

Legal Writing

Usury Law, Payday Loans, and Statutory Sleight of Hand: Salience Distortion in American Credit Pricing Limits, 92 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW 1110 (2008)

Usury Law and the Christian Right: Faith Based Political Power and the Geography of American Payday Lending Regulation, 57 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 637 (2008) (with Steven Graves)

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Preemption, Agency Cost Theory, and Predatory Lending by Banking Agents: Are Federal Regulators Biting Off More than They Can Chew? 56 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 515 (2007)

Predatory Lending and the Military: The Law and Geography of "Payday" Loans in Military Towns, 68 OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 653 (2005) (with Steven Graves)

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Professor Peterson's Courses

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